

To: Dave Agema  
Re: HB 4295 & Referee's requirements.

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Sir, GPP and Most reputable promotions use the pool of Referees from the Pro list at LARA.

Also certain requirements that should be used in Amateur mma events.

Referee's should meet at least one of the following requirements'

1. Trained and certified by a qualified registered Pro referee such as our Michigan based referee trainer Mark Fennel. And completed 20 bouts under another qualified referee.

(I sent a person to be trained by Mark ,they were horrible at first ,pure nervousness, but after about 15 bouts and about 4 shows later, never left unsupervised, he turn out to be a real good referee.)

2. A knowledgeable person in MMA I.e a fighter or judge, they must have worked directly under a qualified Referee for at least 100 bouts ,which is the equivalent of 6 to 8 events.

3. A trainer or coach from a mma training gym/dojo for at least a year and has worked under a referee for at least 20 bouts, this is 1 to 2 events keep in mind they have extreme knowledge of this sport.

I use the same formula now for our Judges..

Mark Fennel is holding a Referee class this Saturday .

Sean Dizay out of Triumph MMA ,my head Referee, just held a Judges class.

Please let them all know that this sport has many great referees now, no good promotion company will risk using a non-mma knowledgeable person. Let me know if you need anything further..

Paul P. Simpson

